

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-14, 16-23, 46, 48-56, 82, and 88-89 are pending. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected the Claims as follows. Claims 1, 4-14, 16-23, 46, 48-56, and 82 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Claims 49-51 and 54-55 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 14 and 16-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0034630 A1 (Mayer) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,434,580 (Takano). Claims 52-53 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over www.inventors.net retrieved from the Internet Archive Wayback Machine (InoNet) in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0249902 (Tadayon). Claims 54-56 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over InoNet in view of Tadayon and further in view of Mayer. Claims 1, 4-6, 8-13, 46, and 48-51 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over InoNet in view of Mayer and further in view of Tadayon. Claim 82 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Mayer in view of InoNet and further in view of Tadayon. Claim 7 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over InoNet, Mayer, and Tadayon and further in view of U.S. Patent Application No. 2001/0047276 A1 (Eisenhart).

Claims 88-89 have been added. Now new matter has been added.

This Amendment is responsive to the interview conducted between the Examiner and Applicants' attorneys', Michael J. Musella and Victor A. Grossman, on May 1, 2006.

Regarding the Examiner's rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, of independent Claims 1, 14, 46, 52, and 82, these claims have been amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. Withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, of Claim 1, 14, 46, 52, and 82, is respectfully requested.

Regarding the Examiner's rejection of Claims 49-51 and 54-55 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, Claims 49-51, 54 and 55 have been amended to overcome the rejection. Various methods for collecting a fee for providing a service are well known in the art. It is respectfully submitted that proper support can be found at least at the paragraph beginning at line 10, page 12. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, of Claims 49-51 and 54-55 be withdrawn.

Regarding the Examiner's rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) of Claim 14, Claim 14 has been amended and is further distinguished.

Mayer teaches a method and system for matching candidates to available job positions.

Takano teaches displaying a list of all pieces of the invention report information registered in a specification file management table or only those satisfying a specific condition.

In contrast to that which is taught by Mayer or Takano, amended Claim 14 includes the recitation of a Subscriber Database for storing subscriber records, each of said subscriber records having at least a subscriber name, subscriber contact information, and subscriber qualifications, said subscriber qualifications including information related to at least one of a total number of drafting hours, proposals, drafts, and issued patents corresponding to a subscriber, wherein said proposal for invention includes qualifications desired in a co-inventor, said desired co-inventor qualifications including information related to at least one of a total number of drafting hours, proposals, drafts, and issued patents corresponding to a desired co-inventor, which is neither taught nor suggested by Mayer or Takano or the combination thereof. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) of Claim 14 be withdrawn.

Regarding the Examiner's rejection of Claim 52 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), Claim 52 has been amended and is further distinguished.

InoNet teaches InoNet discloses using inventors (which the Examiner equates with the co-inventors as recited in the claims) for experts and that the names of the experts are not revealed to the client (which the Examiner equates with the initial inventor). In other words, a client submits a problem and InoNet prepares a report for the client.

Tadayon teaches a computerized system in which certain triggering events automatically generate a notification message.

In contrast, amended Claim 52 includes the recitation of creating by a first computing device a subscriber list, said subscriber list comprising subscriber records, each of said subscriber records having at least a subscriber name, subscriber contact information, and subscriber qualifications, said subscriber qualifications including information related to at least one of a total number of drafting hours, proposals, drafts, and issued patents corresponding to a subscriber and the proposal for invention being initially submitted by the initial inventor and including information related to desired co-inventor qualifications including at least one of a total number of drafting hours, proposals, drafts, and issued patents corresponding to a desired co-inventor, which is neither taught nor suggested by either InoNet or Tadayon. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) of Claim 52 be withdrawn.

Regarding the Examiner's rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) of Claims 1 and 46, Claims 1 and 46 have been amended and are further distinguished.

InoNet is discussed above with respect to the rejection of Claim 52.

Mayer teaches a method and a system for matching candidates to available job positions in a network environment.

Tadayon teaches a computerized system in which certain triggering events automatically generate a notification message.

In contrast, amended Claim 1 includes the recitation of said subscriber qualifications including information related to at least one of a total number of drafting hours, proposals, drafts, and issued patents corresponding to a subscriber and creating a set of desired co-inventor qualifications, said desired co-inventor qualifications including information related to at least one of a total number of drafting hours, proposals, drafts, and issued patents corresponding to a desired co-inventor; and amended Claim 46 includes the recitation of creating a subscriber list, said subscriber list comprising a plurality of subscriber records, each of said subscriber records including a subscriber name, subscriber contact information, and subscriber qualifications, said subscriber qualifications including information related to at least one of a total number of drafting hours, proposals, drafts, and issued patents corresponding to a subscriber and receiving by a first computing device a proposal for invention from an initial inventor, said proposal for invention including desired co-inventor qualifications, said desired co-inventor qualifications including information related to at least one of a total number of drafting hours, proposals, drafts, and issued patents corresponding to a desired co-inventor, which are neither taught nor suggested by Tadayon, InoNet, or Mayer, or the combination thereof. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) of Claims 1 and 46 be withdrawn.

Regarding the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) of Claim 82, Claim 82 has been amended to include recitations that are similar to those contained in Claims 1 and 46. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Claim 82 is patentably distinct for at least the same reasons as stated above with respect to the rejection of Claim 1 and 46. Accordingly, withdrawal of rejection of Claims 82 is respectfully requested.

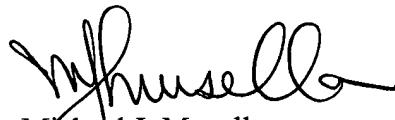
Dependent Claims 4-13, 16-23, 48-51, and 53-56, are likewise believed to be allowable by virtue of their dependence on their respective independent claims.

Independent Claims 1, 14, 46, 52 and 82 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Without conceding the patentability per se of dependent Claims 4-13, 16-23, 48-51 and 53-56, these are likewise believed to be allowable by virtue of their dependence on their respective amended independent claims. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of dependent Claims 4-13, 16-23, 48-51 and 53-56 is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1, 4-14, 16-23, 46, 48-56 and 82, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

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